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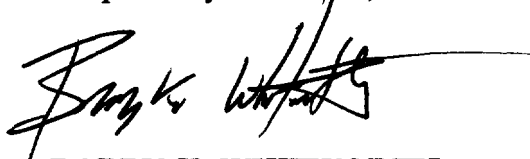
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Without knowing exactly what kind of radios may be available in the future, it is surmised that our plan should be to convert to the 800 Megahertz Trunking technology, or something similar. Based on the replacement of each radio set presently on inventory, and the cost of each new unit, it is anticipated that 20 million dollars will be needed before the year 2004. Due to the time frame involved, and the statewide implementation schedule, it is not assured that the 800 trunking concept will be able to support our needs.

Without backwards migration or inter-operability of old and new systems, it will be necessary to field two or more radio systems simultaneously until all stations are cut over to a single system. This will, no doubt, cause confusion and quite a tremendous workload of relay traffic at each of our correctional facilities.

It is of paramount importance that a better plan be developed to minimize the burden placed on government agencies nationwide. At best, the effective date of January 1, 1996, should be extended. The life span of existing radios needs to be extended. A plan must be developed which will allow a more progressive path to new technology.

Respectfully submitted,



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